

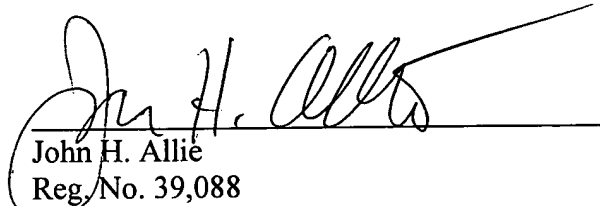
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the timely indication of allowable subject matter as to claims 36, 37, 39-42, 48, 49 and 51-54. Independent claims 34 and 46 have been amended; and claims 36, 43, 49 and 55 have been cancelled. These changes are made without prejudice to consideration of the original subject matter of such claims in a continuing application. Based on the indication of allowable claims, selected subject matter from claim 34 and claim 36 has been combined in independent claim 34 as amended, and selected subject matter from claim 46 and claim 49 has been combined in independent claim 46 as amended. It is believed these changes place the application in condition for allowance.

As a result of changes made to the claims during the prosecution of this application, a request to amend the inventorship has been made by a separate paper provided herewith. Specifically, deletion of the named inventors Robert C. Bilger and Douglas L. Jones is requested because their inventions are not being claimed herein.

Accordingly, it is believed that claims 34, 35, 37-42, 44-48 and 50-54 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact L. Scott Paynter by telephone at the telephone number listed below to address any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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